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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS), US, UR,  
SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MOSCOW AND WESTERN EUROPE,  
MARCH 25-APRIL 2.

1. SUGGESTED TEXT OF REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY IN MEETING  
WITH MEMBERS OF MOSCOW EMBASSY STAFF AND DEPENDENTS,  
1245 P.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 27. BEGIN TEXT:

A) MR. AMBASSADOR, MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY COMMUNITY,  
I AM PLEASED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH ALL  
OF YOU, AND I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED THAT SO MANY OF YOU  
CAME OUT TO MEET ME ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

B) ON MY WAY DOWN HERE THIS MORNING, I HAD THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO STOP BY AND SEE ONE OF THE HOUSING UNITS  
WHERE SOME OF YOU LIVE, AND AN APARTMENT WHICH I AM TOLD  
IS FAIRLY TYPICAL OF THE QUARTERS MOST OF YOU OCCUPY.  
I HAVE ALSO HAD A CHANCE TO SEE SOME OF THE OFFICES IN  
THE EMBASSY BUILDING, AND I PLAN TO VISIT THE ANGLO-  
AMERICAN SCHOOL AFTER THIS MEETING. I HAVE BEEN  
IMPRESSED BY THE MODESTY -- TO PUT IT MILDLY -- OF  
YOUR HOUSING AND YOUR OFFICE FACILITIES HERE, AND  
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I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM TAKING AN ACTIVE  
INTEREST IN TRYING TO IMPROVE THEM. WE HAVE, AS  
YOU KNOW, PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW EMBASSY COM-  
PLEX, AND I HOPE THAT WORK ON THE PROJECT CAN  
BEGIN SOON. IN THE MEANTIME, WE HOPE THAT OTHER  
IMPROVEMENTS -- INCLUDING THE HOUSING, SCHOOL,  
DACHA AND MICROWAVE SITUATIONS -- WILL BE POSSIBLE.

C) THERE IS PERHAPS NO FOREIGN SERVICE POST IN THE WORLD WHERE THE FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ARE MORE VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS, ESPECIALLY SECURITY INTERESTS, THAN IN MOSCOW. WE IN WASHINGTON WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION AND YOUR PERSONAL SACRIFICE IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE HIGH STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE WHICH WE HAVE COME TO EXPECT FROM THIS EMBASSY.

D) THIS IS MY FIRST VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION IN THIS CAPACITY; I HAVE MUCH TO LEARN. DURING THE NEXT THREE DAYS, I WILL BE MEETING WITH SOVIET LEADERS TO DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES WHICH WILL HAVE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE U.S.-SOVIET STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP AND FOR THE WAY WE ARRANGE OUR RELATIONS IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. I LOOK FORWARD TO THESE TALKS BOTH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY THEY AFFORD TO MEET TOP SOVIET LEADERS PERSONALLY, AND BECAUSE THE ISSUES THEMSELVES ARE OF SUCH IMPORTANCE. WE REALIZE, AS YOU DO, THAT THIS IS NOT AN EASY RELATIONSHIP AND THAT THERE ARE NO EASY ANSWERS. THAT IS ALL THE MORE REASON WHY WE ATTACH SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO YOUR OPINIONS AND OBSERVATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY: YOU ARE OUR EYES AND EARS.

E) AMBASSADOR TOON AND I HAVE ALREADY HAD  
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LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL CONTINUE THIS WEEK. MY STAFF AND I HAVE ALREADY MET WITH SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY TEAM AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING WITH MANY OF YOU IN THE DAYS AHEAD.  
END TEXT.  
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